

REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 7 FIRST QUARTER 2002 COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto,
Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Webster



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 7 during first quarter 2002 was 218,600, a decrease of 1.8% from fourth quarter 2001, and a decrease of 2.6% from the same period in 2001. Employment increased in seven of the 20 NAICS sectors during first quarter 2002.

Average quarterly employment data for first quarter 2002, fourth quarter 2001, first quarter 2001, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 57. Health care and social assistance was the leading industry in RLMA 7 with 36,587 employees, or 16.7% of total employment. Caddo was the leading parish with 117,567 employees, or 53.8% of total employment.

Total wages increased 1.4% from the same period in 2001, and decreased by 6.9% from fourth quarter 2001, for an average weekly wage of \$521.75. Caddo parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$563.40.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 7 is listed in the following table. The

average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 7" beginning on page 59.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Bienville	\$ 449.74
Bossier	460.68
Caddo	563.40
Claiborne	505.50
Desoto	553.23
Lincoln	517.43
Natchitoches	446.59
Red River	417.41
Sabine	407.94
Webster	473.00

The number of reporting units in RLMA 7 for first quarter 2002 was 13,704.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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